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Dear Dr. Piontek:

We received your letter of July 8 inquiring about possibilities of grant support from The Council.

Unfortunately The Council's policy does not include provision of fellowships as such to young investigators. Its assistance to research is wholly through grants-in-aid to established investigators on the basis of specific and rather detailed protocols, on subjects of high priority in interest and relevance to The Council's ad hoc program.

Young investigators do often benefit indirectly by receiving short-term appointments as research assistants to the established Principal Investigator who receives such a grant, but project staffing is wholly the responsibility of the grantee.

The Council is in fact assisting some studies of killer cells at the present time, at a very basic level, but whether these are likely to be expanded in the near future is uncertain.

You are quite correct in your impression that The Council stresses etiology and pathogenesis of the constitutional diseases in its studies. However, it does tend to emphasize those forms and varieties of cancer reputed from epidemiological studies to be related to tobacco use. So far leukemia, per se, has not been included in this category.

We are enclosing a collection of material that has been prepared for the information of established investigators who inquire about The Council's policies. These will explain further the matters touched upon here.

Very sincerely yours,

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